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#### PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

The finale of the Dark Horror story arc. Spawn meets up with the massive creature who has been using innocent souls to feed on, but it seems Spawn is not powerful enough to defeat him without help. Inside the testing facility, Cyan tries to escape with the help of Yoko, who is now a ghost. Feeling helpless, Cyan runs and finds herself in a room surrounded by pharmaceutical drugs. She feels there is no way out and is unable to fight the urge to use the drugs. She injects a syringe and instantly begins to feel like her powers are heightened. She emerges from the facility to face the monster who killed her host family and many others. Cyan then turns the monster's thoughts on himself and seeing the souls he's killed, he begins to break apart his own skull causing him to kill himself. Once the being is defeated, Spawn blows up the testing building, freeing the souls of those still there, including Yoko.

THEY'VE BOTH BEEN FAIRLY SILENT SINCE BOARDING THEIR PLANE. BUT THIS IS A FLIGHT THAT WILL TAKE OVER TWELVE HOURS TO REACH ITS DESTINATION. SLEEPING AND WATCHING MOVIES, WILL ONLY DISTRACT THEM FOR SO LONG. EVENTUALLY THEY NEED TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION BOTH ARE DREADING.

THE REASON FOR THEIR RETURN TO NEW YORK IS THE ABJECT FAILURE TO KEEP CYAN SAFE. SHE NEEDED REASSURANCE THAT THE FORCES FROM HEAVEN AND HELL WOULD LEAVE HER ALONE.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TELL YOUR DAD WHEN WE LAND? HE'S... YOU KNOW, HE'S GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS.



YOU SAY SOMETHING?

OR BETTER YET, THAT THOSE FORCES WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIND HER SO QUICKLY. BUT NONE OF THAT WORKED OUT.\*

I SAID WE'RE GOING TO BE LANDING IN A FEW HOURS.

OKAY.

WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO TELL EVERYBODY. AND WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU.





FIVE MINUTES PASS.

THEN TEN  
MORE.

WHAT'S  
TAKING SO  
LONG?

WATCH  
OUT! I'M  
RIGHT  
HERE.

HOW  
LONG  
HAVE...

A WHILE.  
NOW SCOOT  
OVER...







...TRANSPORTING TO  
OTHER SHADOWS  
FORTY MILES AWAY.





SHE HAS  
TO PREPARE  
HERSELF. THEY WON'T  
CARE SHE'S  
A CHILD.

IT'S HER POWER  
THEY'LL EXTRACT.  
HER BODY WON'T MATTER  
IN THE PROCESS. YOU  
KNOW THAT! AFTER ALL  
THE YEARS THEY'VE BEEN  
HUNTING YOU--YOU  
KNOW THEY'LL BE  
RELENTLESS.

I KNOW.  
SHE  
UNDERSTANDS  
SHE'S GOING TO  
HAVE TO HIDE  
FROM THEM. WE  
TALKED ABOUT  
THAT.



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
DO?

I'M GOING  
TO FIND THEM  
BEFORE THEY FIND  
HER. AND I'M GOING  
TO LET THEM KNOW  
I'M BACK.



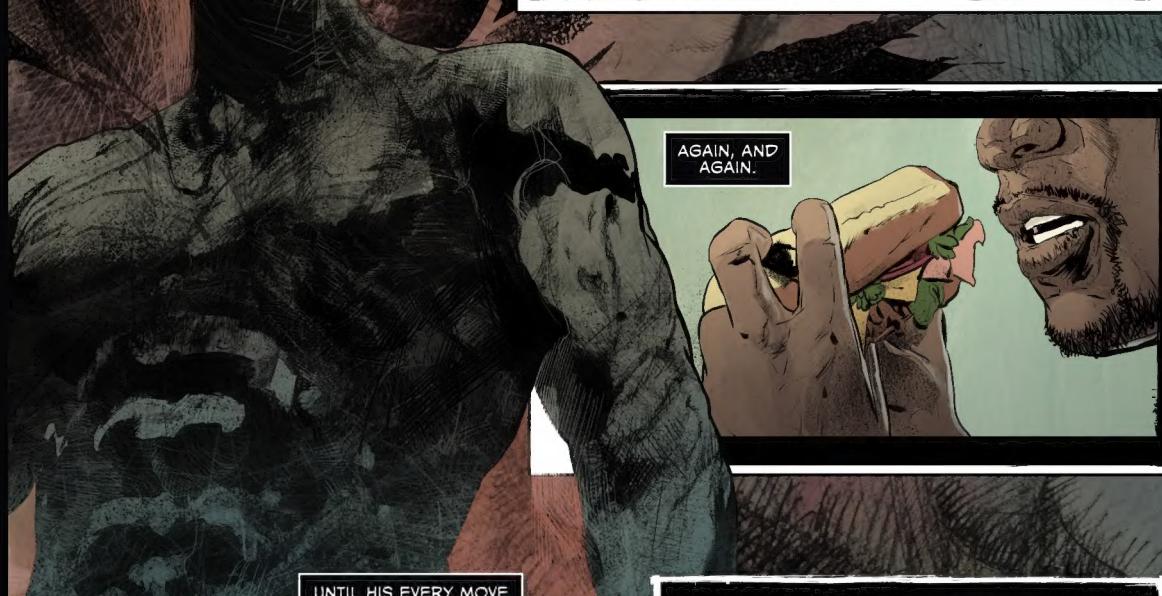
HOW?



JUST  
WATCH.

SPAWN TELEPORTS AGAIN.  
THIS TIME IT'S TO THE MIDDLE  
OF NOWHERE IN SOME SMALL  
UPSTATE COUNTY, TO A HOUSE  
HE NOW CALLS HOME.







PERFECT.

COMING OFF HIS LATEST GRAMMY WINNING RECORD, SUPER-STAR RAPPER 'BONZ CHILLIN' THOUGHT A FEW NIGHTS AT THE CLUBS MIGHT HELP HIM RELAX BEFORE HE HAS TO THINK ABOUT GETTING BACK INTO THE RECORDING STUDIO.



HEY!  
GET AWAY  
FROM THAT  
CAR.



AND BEING ABLE TO  
BE SEEN AT ALL THOSE  
CLUBS ALSO HELPS ELEVATE  
HIS PUBLIC PROFILE.



YOU HEAR  
ME? YOU  
NEED TO STEP  
ASIDE.



LOOK, DUDE,  
I'M NOT ASKING  
AGAIN. GET YOUR  
F\*CKING ASS OFF  
MY LIMO.



IN THE BLINK OF AN  
EYE, AL DROPS THE  
BODYGUARD.



THEN TAKES OUT THE  
OTHER MUSCLE-HEADED  
MONKEY IN A SUIT.



BEFORE GRABBING THE  
RAP STAR, THROWING HIM  
IN THE BACK SEAT OF THE  
LIMOUSINE AND JUMPING  
INSIDE WITH HIM.

THE PAPARAZZI AND FANS ALL SNAP THEIR CAMERAS.

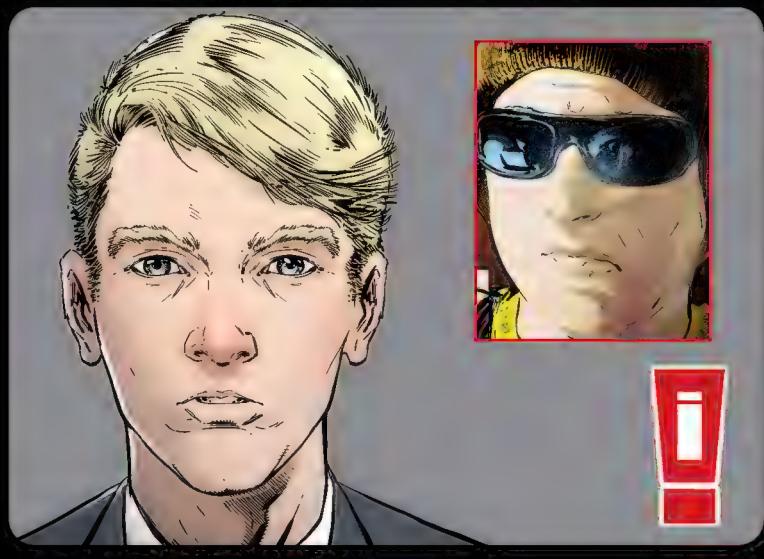


ONE GUARD STRUGGLES TO HIS FEET.





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... AND IN A STUNNING TURN OF EVENTS TODAY, AWARD-WINNING SINGER **BONZ CHILLIN'** WAS KIDNAPPED IN FRONT OF THE ROYAL REGENT CAFE. THE SINGER, WHOSE REAL NAME IS JAMES RUSHART, WAS LEAVING THE RESTAURANT WHEN HE AND HIS TWO BODYGUARDS WERE ATTACKED IN FRONT OF DOZENS OF ONLOOKERS AND FANS. POLICE DO NOT HAVE ANY LEADS AS TO WHO THE PERPETRATOR WAS, OR WHAT POSSIBLE MOTIVATIONS MIGHT BE BEHIND THIS BRAZEN ACT.

OUR SOURCES INSIDE THE L.A.P.D. TELL US THAT, AS OF YET, THERE'S BEEN NO RANSOM CALL OR ANY CONTACT FROM THE KIDNAPPER. AND, AS HARD AS IT MAY BE TO ACCEPT THIS NEXT STATEMENT, EYEWITNESSES SAY THAT MR. CHILLIN' AND HIS ASSAILANT WENT INTO THE SINGER'S LIMO AND SIMPLY VANISHED WHEN SOMEONE ATTEMPTED TO INTERVENE.

WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO VERIFY THIS NEAR-IMPOSSIBLE ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS. A FEW VIDEOS HAVE ALREADY SURFED ON THE INTERNET AND ON ABC NEWS, SHOWING THE STRUGGLE AND ULTIMATE 'VANISHING' OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR. THE VIDEO, WE ARE TOLD, SHOWS THE KIDNAPPER PUSHING BONZ CHILLIN' INTO THE LIMO, BUT NEITHER OF THEM EVER CAME OUT. AUTHORITIES DON'T KNOW IF THE TWO OF THEM WERE ABLE TO GET OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE VEHICLE UNSEEN, BUT AS OF NOW THE FACT IS THAT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE EITHER THE KIDNAPPER OR THE SINGER MAY BE.

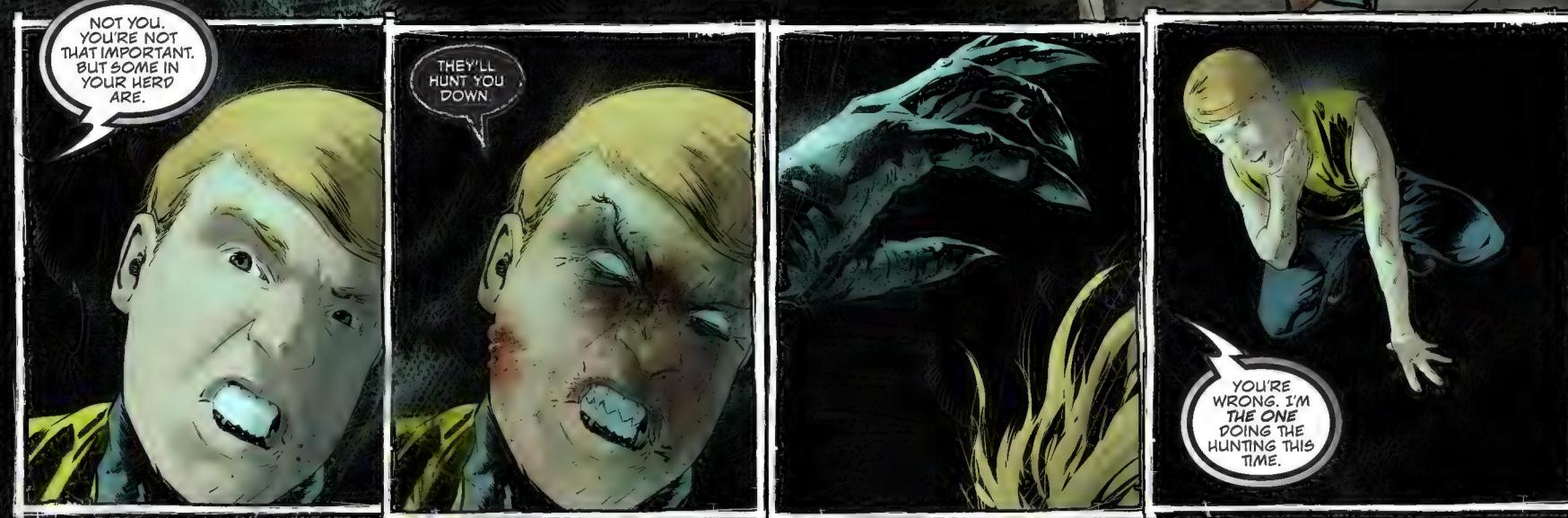
A CITYWIDE MANHUNT HAS BEGUN. MEANWHILE, EVERYONE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS IS REPORTEDLY ON HIGH ALERT. PRIVATE SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED.

BONZ CHILLIN', AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, RECENTLY WON FOUR GRAMMY AWARDS FOR HIS LATEST ALBUM "BRINGING IT ALL BACK TO EARTH." HIS METEORIC RISE IN THE PAST YEAR HAS MADE HIS SOCIAL NETWORK CHANNELS THE ENVY OF THE RECORDING INDUSTRY.

**REALLY?!** THEY JUST UP AND **DISAPPEARED?** HOW ABSURD. THE MEDIA'S FAKE NEWS MACHINE ISN'T LIMITED TO JUST **POLITICAL** STORIES, NOW IT'S SPILLING OVER INTO THE **ENTERTAINMENT** WORLD!

OBVIOUSLY THE **POLICE** JUST DON'T WANT TO ADMIT THEY JUST **DIDN'T DO THEIR JOBS**, AND LET THIS **HIGH-PROFILE SINGER** BE TAKEN IN **BROAD DAYLIGHT** WITH ZERO EFFORT TO PREVENT IT. LOOK, I'M **NO FAN** OF BONZ CHILLIN'S MUSIC... DOESN'T MAKE MUCH **SENSE** TO ME... BUT WHEN A GLOBAL PERSONALITY CAN'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE THAT HE OR SHE CAN GO OUT FOR THE EVENING, WELL, THAT'S A **STAIN** ON OUR **AMERICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM AS A WHOLE**.

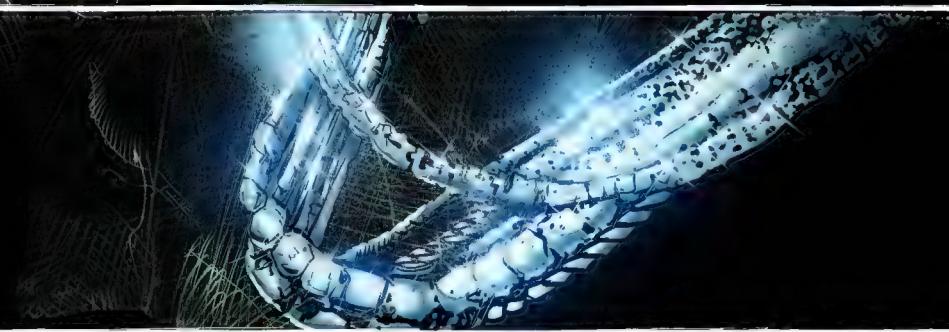
AND AMAZINGLY, ALL THE VIDEO OF THE KIDNAPPER SEEMS TO BE **SO BLURRY** THAT NO ONE IS ABLE TO GET A CLEAR SHOT AT HIM. SEEMS KIND OF MAGICAL THAT THE ONLY PERSON IN THE VIDEO WE **CAN'T MAKE OUT** IS THE **CROOK**... WHO **WASN'T TRYING TO HIDE HIMSELF!?** **GIVE ME A BREAK!**





ALL THAT  
ADULATION. THE  
MEDIA HOUNDING YOU  
ALL THE TIME, WOMEN  
THROWING THEMSELVES  
AT YOU. FANS. MONEY.  
CARS. DRUGS. PARTIES  
LASTING UNTIL THE  
MORNING.

IF YOU WANT  
TO KEEP ALL THAT,  
THEN I NEED YOU  
DRESSED FOR THE  
OCCASION. THE WORLD  
NEEDS TO SEE BONZ  
CHILLIN' IN ALL  
HIS GLORY.



SHIT, DOG, THIS  
WHAT YOU LOOKING  
FOR YOU BAD MO-FO,  
'CAUSE I'M ACHING  
FOR MY HOMIES. YOU  
FEEL ME?



HOW  
MANY PEOPLE  
HAD TO DIE  
FOR YOU TO  
BE PROMISED  
A HIT  
RECORD?

AND HERE'S THE THING... DOG. I BET YOU DIDN'T CARE FOR ONE SECOND WHO THOSE PEOPLE WERE. THAT'S WHY I'M COMING. I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU AND YOUR SIDE SOME OF THAT SAME SUFFERING.

TOUGH TALK.

WELL SEE. IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE FRANTIC

L.A.P.D. STILL HAVE NO LEAD

BONZ CHILLIN' SEEMS TO

A CITY WIDE MANHUNT IS UNDERWAY WITH

AS OF NOW NO ONE HAS SEEN OR HEARD...

SO, I KEEP DOING MY THING YOU'LL LET ME GO?

THAT'S YOUR PLAN?

THAT'S MY PLAN.

THEN LET'S DO THIS SHIT! I'M PSYCHED.



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AT FIRST, THE STREET CROWD IS UNABLE TO PERCEIVE SPAWN'S DRAMATIC APPEARANCE, SO IT TAKES A MINUTE FOR EVERYONE TO FATHOM WHAT'S ACTUALLY UNFOLDING IN FRONT OF THEM.

THEN IT BEGINS TO DAWN ON THEM—ONE OF THE PEOPLE STANDING IN FRONT OF THEM IS THE RECENTLY KIDNAPPED RAP SINGER ALL THE NEWS OUTLETS HAVE BEEN REPORTING ON.



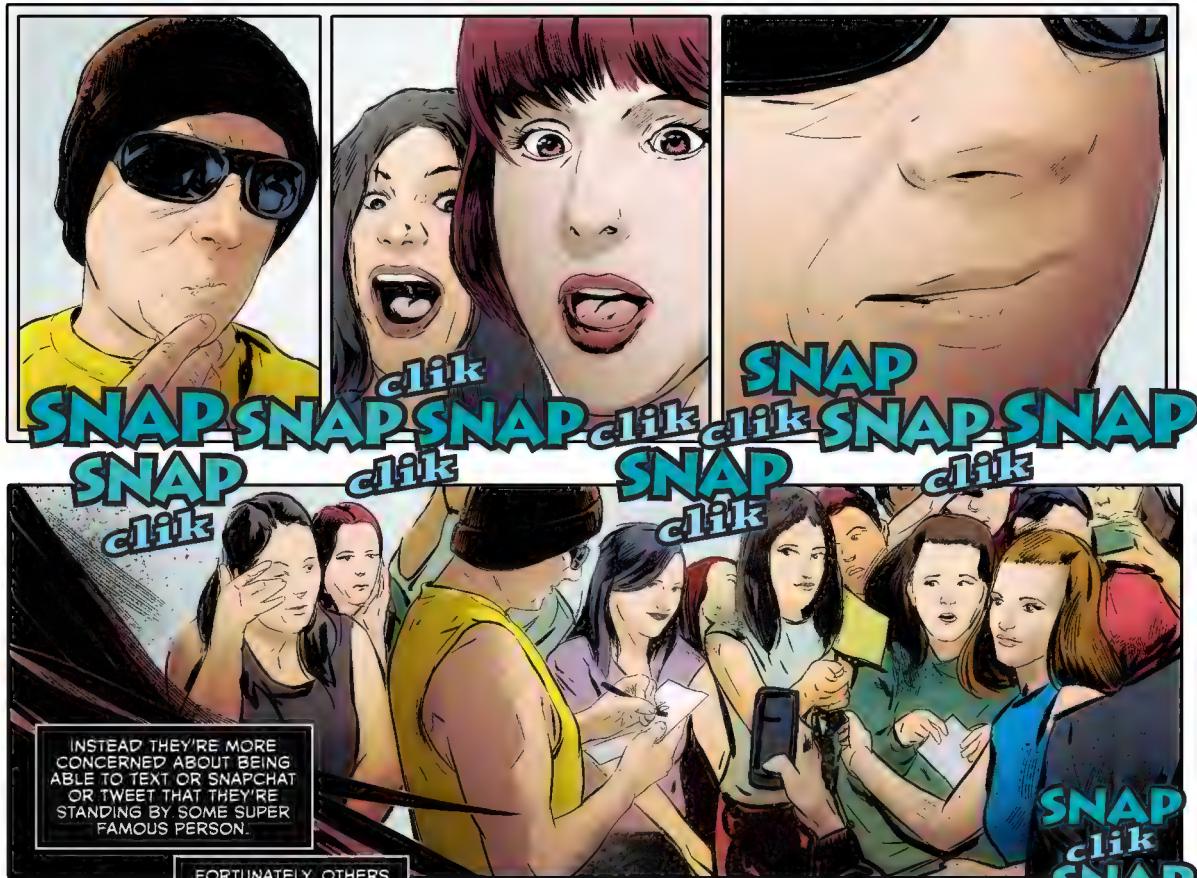
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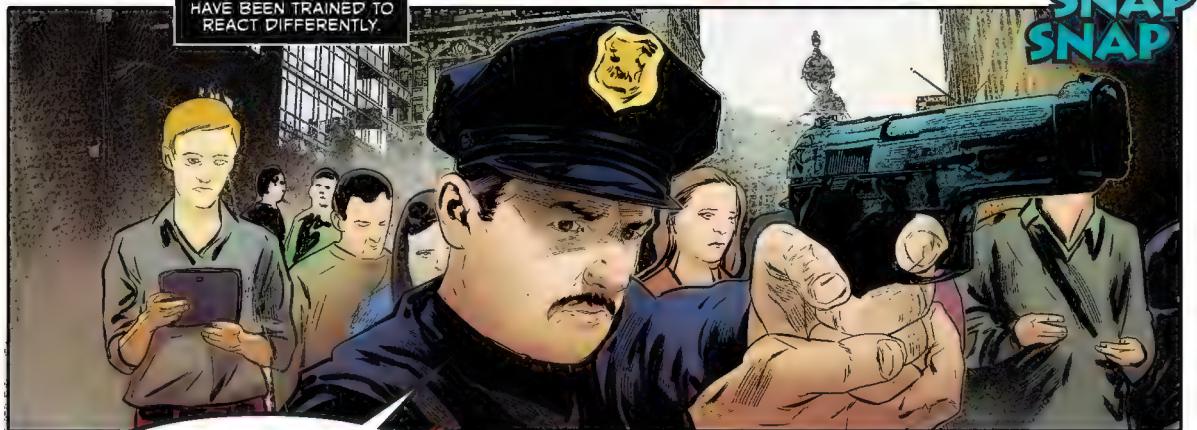


AND BECAUSE OF OUR NEAR OBSESSION FOR CELEBRITIES, DOZENS OF TOURISTS AND LOCALS BARELY REGISTER THE MAN IN THE FLOWING CAPE NEAR THE RAP STAR.



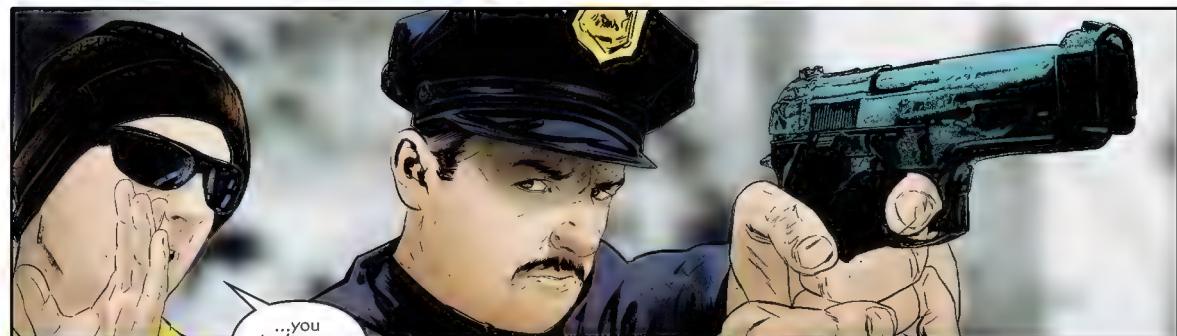


FORTUNATELY, OTHERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO REACT DIFFERENTLY.



FREEZE!

GET YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM!



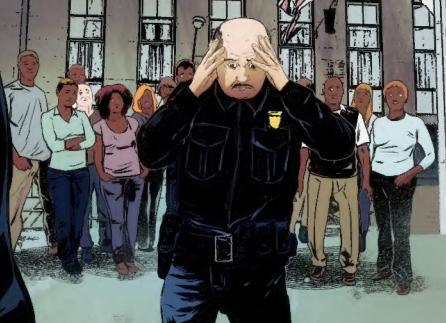
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YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
DELIVER A  
MESSAGE  
FOR ME.

HE WHISPERS  
IN THE  
OFFICER'S  
EAR, THEN  
DISAPPEARS.



# SPAWN GROUND

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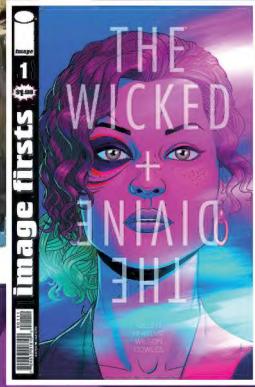
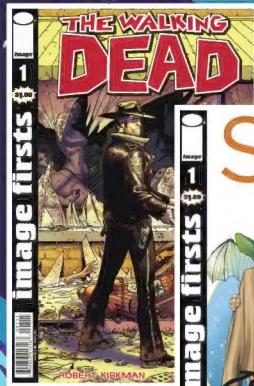


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